

THE ARENA
IS 10
METERS BY
10
METERS.

THIS
CAVERN OF
DARKNESS
SHALL BE
THE STAGE
FOR THE
GERENAL
AFFAIRS
MANAGER
BATTLE.

EVERY-
ONE,
PLEASE
TAKE A
LOOK TO
YOUR
RIGHT.

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第68箱

う い
「受け入れることだよ」

...BUT IN MY
HUMBLE
OPINION,
THAT WOULD
NOT BE A
GOOD IDEA.

IF YOU
SO INSIST,
WE DO
NOT MIND
LETTING YOU
SUGGEST
SO,
KUROKAMI
-SAMA...

SO...

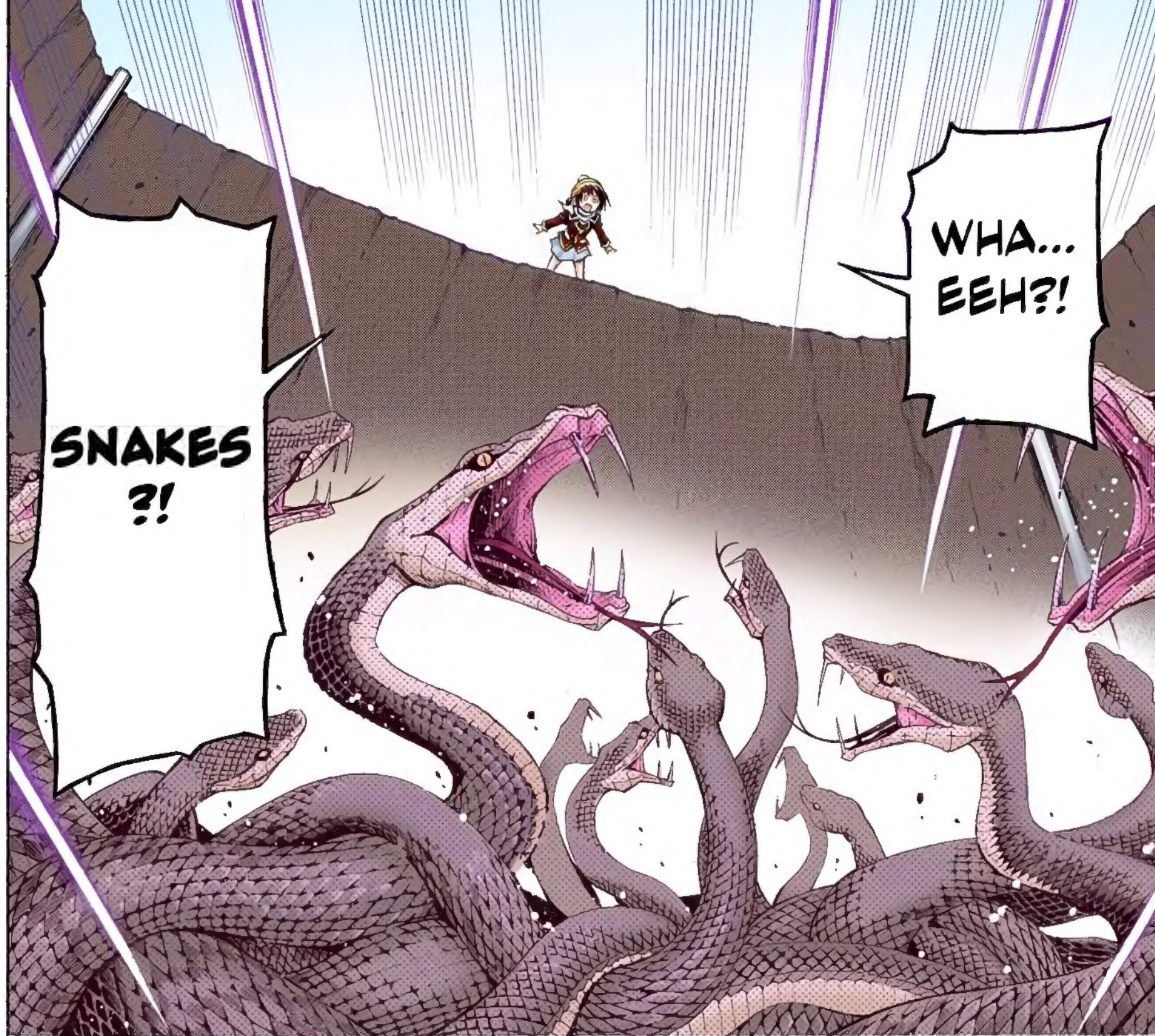
ZENKI-
CHI AND
KUMA-
GAWA
WILL
FIGHT
AT THE
BOTTOM
OF THIS,
RIGHT?

DIGGING
A
HOLE ON
SCHOOL
GROUNDS
...

YOU
CALL
THIS A
CAVERN
OF
DARK-
NESS?

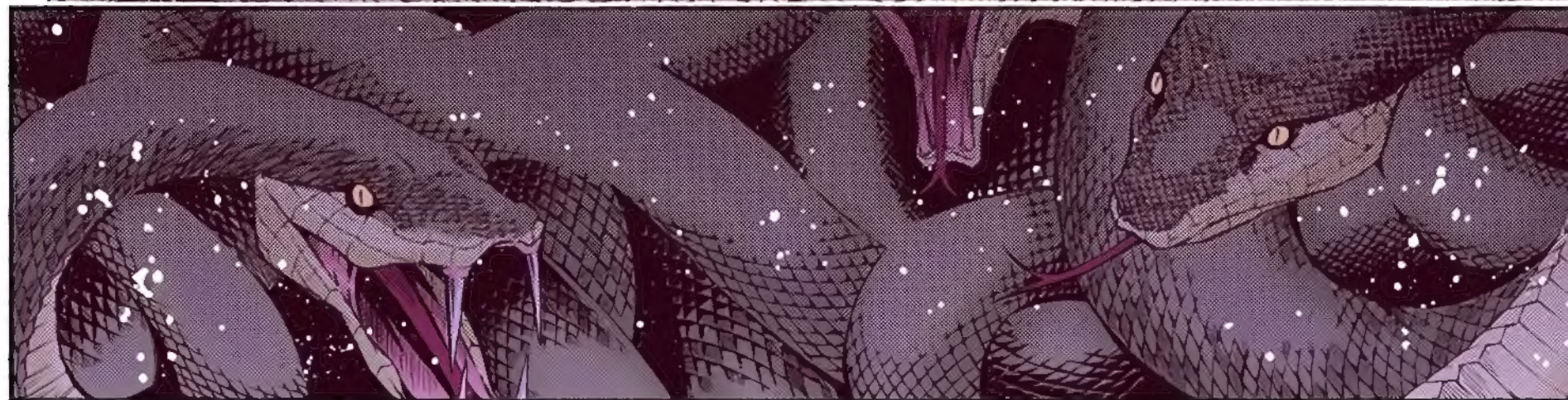
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WHA...
EEH?!

SNAKES
?!



...YOUR
LIFE
WOULD
SOON BE
OVER.

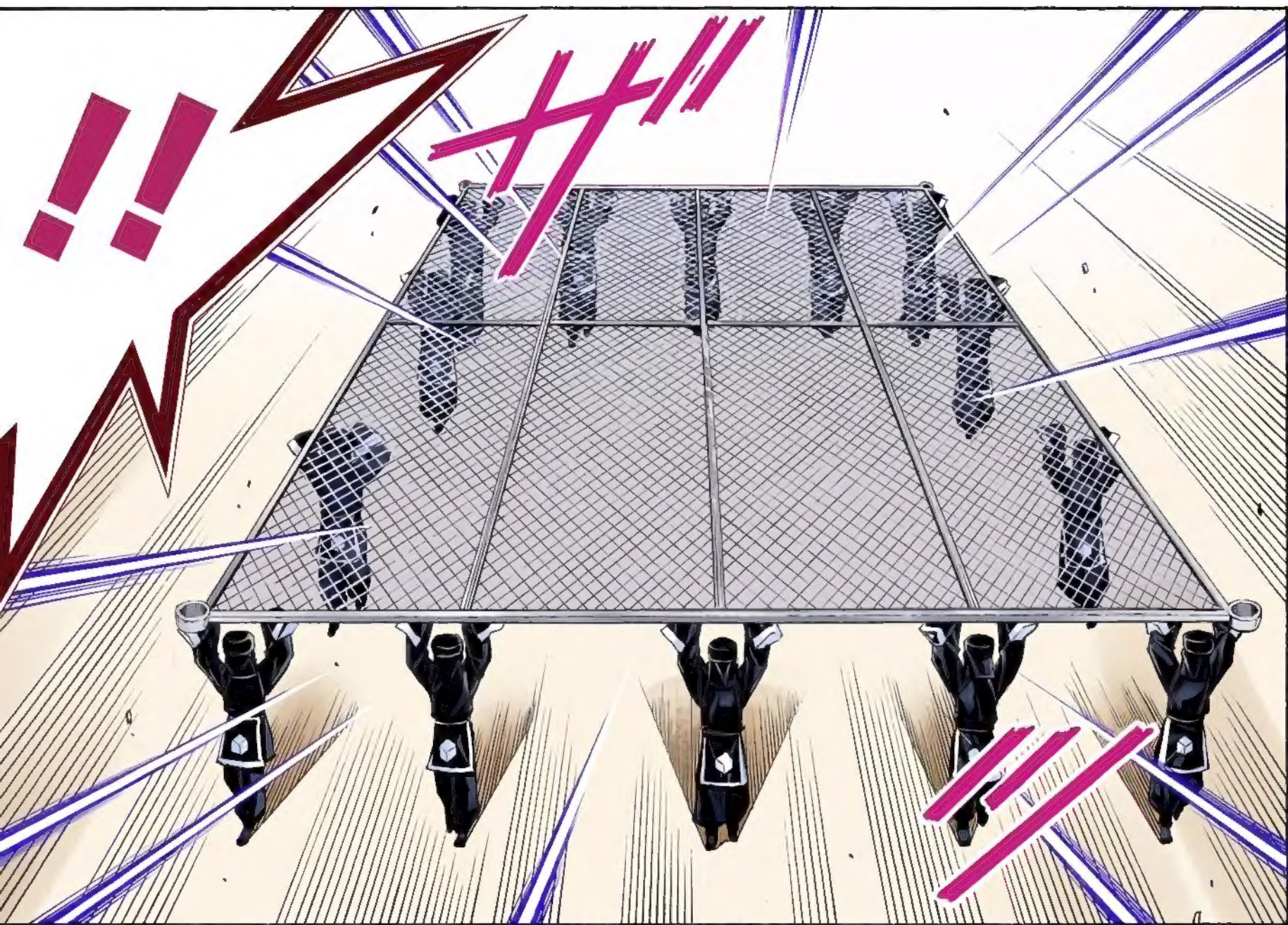
WHETHER
ABNORMAL
OR MINUS,
IF YOU ARE
EVEN
SLIGHTLY
SCRATCHED
BY THEIR
FANGS...

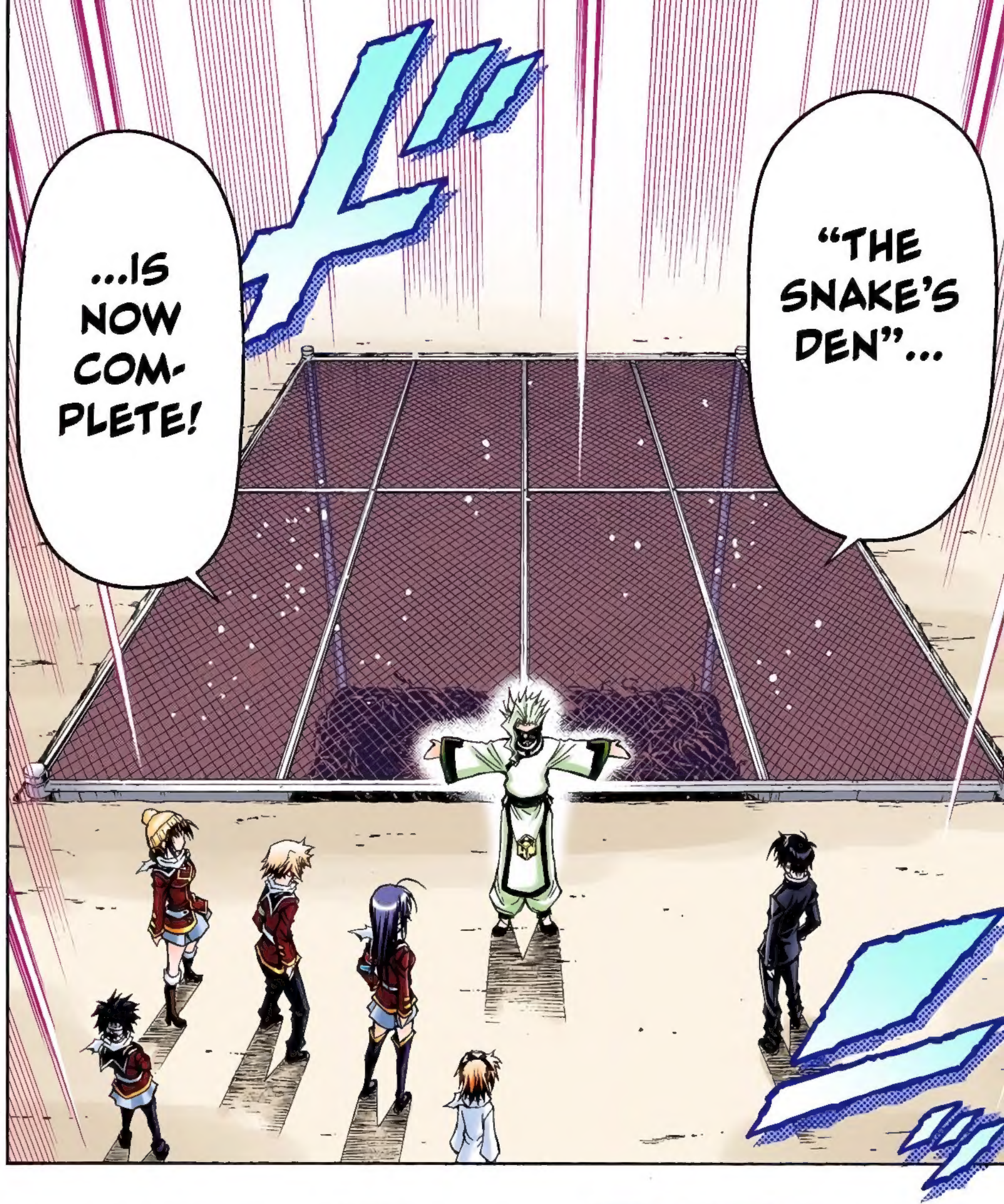
THEY ARE
A HIGHLY
POISONOUS
BREED OF
SNAKE, SO BE
ON YOUR
GUARD.



SQUAMATA
ORDER,
VIPERIDAE
FAMILY...
TO BE
EXACT.

YES.
SNAKES.



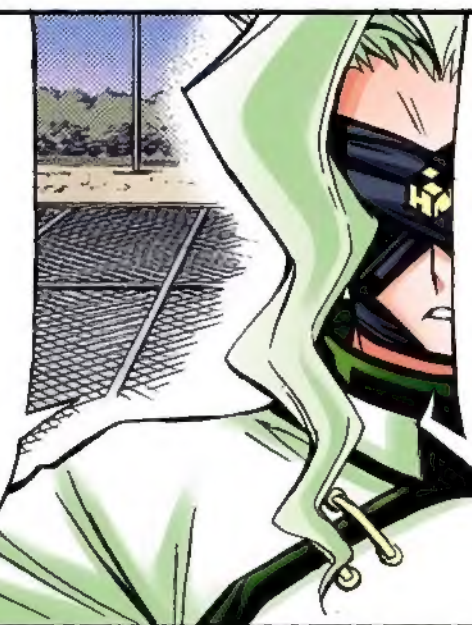


...IS
NOW
COM-
PLETE!

“THE
SNAKE’S
DEN”...



...BUT ON
THIS WIRE
NETTING.



HITO-
YOSHI
-SAMA AND
KUMA-
GAWA
-SAMA WILL
NOT BE
FIGHTING
AT THE
BOTTOM...

IT ISN'T
FIXED
TO THE
SUPPORT
BEAMS!!

THAT
NET!

W-WAIT
A
SECOND,
CHO
JABARU
-KUN!

THE STAGE
IS DESIGNED
THAT WAY.

OH?

BUT
MADAM
...

IF YOU LET
THEM FIGHT
ON THAT
UNSTABLE
FLOOR...

...AND
THERE IS
NO TIME
LIMIT.

YOU MAY USE
ANY METHOD
YOU SEE FIT
TO EITHER
STEAL OR
PROTECT THE
ARMBAND...

IF KUMA-
GAWA-SAMA
CAN TAKE IT,
IT WILL BE HIS
VICTORY.
CONVERSELY, IF
HITOYOSHI
-SAMA CAN
PROTECT IT, IT
SHALL BE HIS
VICTORY.

THEY
REVOLVE
AROUND
HITO-
YOSHI
-SAMA'S
ARM-
BAND.

FIRST,
LET ME
EXPLAIN
THE
RULES.

...THEN THE
NET WILL
FALL DEEPER
INTO THE
CAVERN.

...OR
TAKE TOO
MUCH
TIME...

HOWEVER,
SHOULD
EITHER
OF YOU
ACT TOO
AGGRES-
SIVELY...



!!

IF THAT HAPPENS, YOU WILL BE DECLARED AS DISQUALIFIED. PLEASE KEEP THIS IN MIND.

...THE VIPERS WILL SLIP THROUGH THE NET... AND YOU TWO WILL BECOME THEIR MEAL.

WHEN IT REACHES THE BOTTOM...



...THEN YOU CAN SURRENDER, AND THE BATTLE WILL BE OVER.

...OR IF YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN NO LONGER ACHIEVE VICTORY...

IF YOU ARE AFRAID THAT THE VIPER'S FANGS WILL REACH YOU...

SURRENDERING IS ALSO A VALID OPTION.



...SOONER OR LATER, IF HE CONTINUES TO PROTECT THE ARMBAND, THE NET WILL FALL INTO THE CAVERN.

...AND SINCE THERE'S NO TIME LIMIT, ZENKICHI DOESN'T HAVE ANY VICTORY CONDITIONS...

KUMAGAWA WILL WIN IF HE CAN STEAL THE ARMBAND...



...BUT HITOYOSHI-SAMA'S WINNING CONDITION... IS TO MAKE KUMAGAWA-SAMA PROCLAIM "I GIVE UP!"

PARDON MY FORGETFULNESS...



THESE RULES ARE OBVIOUSLY UNFAIR.

THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU.

...I THINK I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, SECOND YEAR CHOJABARU.

PLEASE
THINK OF
THIS AS
APPLYING
THE PENAL
REGULA-
TIONS TO A
CRIME.

IT IS THE
DUTY OF
THE KING
TO PRO-
VIDE THE
CHAL-
LENGER
WITH A
HANDICAP.

IF YOU
CANNOT
MAKE YOUR
CHALLENGER
ACCEPT
THE GAP
BETWEEN
YOU AND
THEM...

FROM THE
MOMENT
SOMEONE
ATTEMPTS TO
CARRY OUT A
COUP D'ETAT,
YOUR ABILITY TO
LEAD COMES
INTO QUESTION.

...THEN
THERE IS
NO REASON
FOR YOU
TO BE
ELECTED.



THIS STAGE IS
ALSO THE
WORST!
THOUGH, IF IT
WERE MEDAKA-
-CHAN, SHE'D
HAVE JUST
USED
"INTIMIDATOR"
TO MAKE THE
SNAKES AVOID
HER...

...I UNDERSTAND
WHAT HE'S
SAYING, BUT
MAKING KUMA-
GAWA-KUN
SURRENDER IS
ALMOST
IMPOSSIBLE!



「ABOUT
THIS
GENERAL
AFFAIRS
MANAGER
BATTLE...」

「HEY,
ZEN-
KICHI-
-CHAN...」





「...IF
I LOSE ON
PURPOSE,
RIGHT?」

「IT'S
COOL...」



A JERK
LIKE
YOU...!

KUMA-
GAWA!



「...AND
EVERYONE'S
MORALE
WOULD BE
LOWER THAT
WAY.」



「THINK ABOUT
IT CAREFULLY.
I DON'T WANT
TO DO ANY-
THING CRUEL
TO YOU IN
FRONT OF
HITO-
YOSHI
-SENSEI...」



「...AND IT
WON'T
EVEN
TAKE YOU A
HUNDRED
YEARS TO
STOP ME!」

「THINK
OF ME
LIKE
THAT...」

「I'LL
WARN
YOU,
THOUGH.」



「YOU JUST
TALKED THE
TALK WITH
MEDAKA-
CHAN!」

「AHA!
WHY ARE
YOU SO
UPSET?」



「...ZEN-KICHI-CHAN!」

「IT'S ABOUT ACCEPTING...」

「JEALOUSY...」

「DISGRACEFULNESS...」

「FALSE ACCUSATIONS...」

「STRAY SHOTS...」

「CORRUPTION...」

「CONGESTION...」

「UNREASONABILITY...」

「IRRATIONALITY...」

「DIFFERENCE...」

「SHAMEFULNESS...」

「ILL TREATMENT...」

「BETRAYAL...」

「RUMORS...」

「HYPOCRISY...」

「DYSPHEMISM...」

「FAKE TEARS...」

「EXCUSES...」

「TIP OFFS...」

「MISFORTUNE...」

「INCONVENIENCE...」

「UNRELIABILITY...」

「DISHONESTY...」

「GETTING INVOLVED...」

「EACH OTHER'S DAMAGE...」

「IT'S LIKE
ACCEPTING
YOUR LOVER.」



「...THEN
YOU'LL
BE JUST
LIKE
ME!」

「IF YOU
DO
THAT...」

TAKING THE FIRST STEP
ONTO A NET THAT HANGS
OVER A CAVERN FULL OF
SNAKES WITHOUT ANY
HESITATION...
AS EXPECTED OF
KUMAGAWA-SAMA, MAKING
HIM SURRENDER WILL NOT BE
AN EASY FEAT...



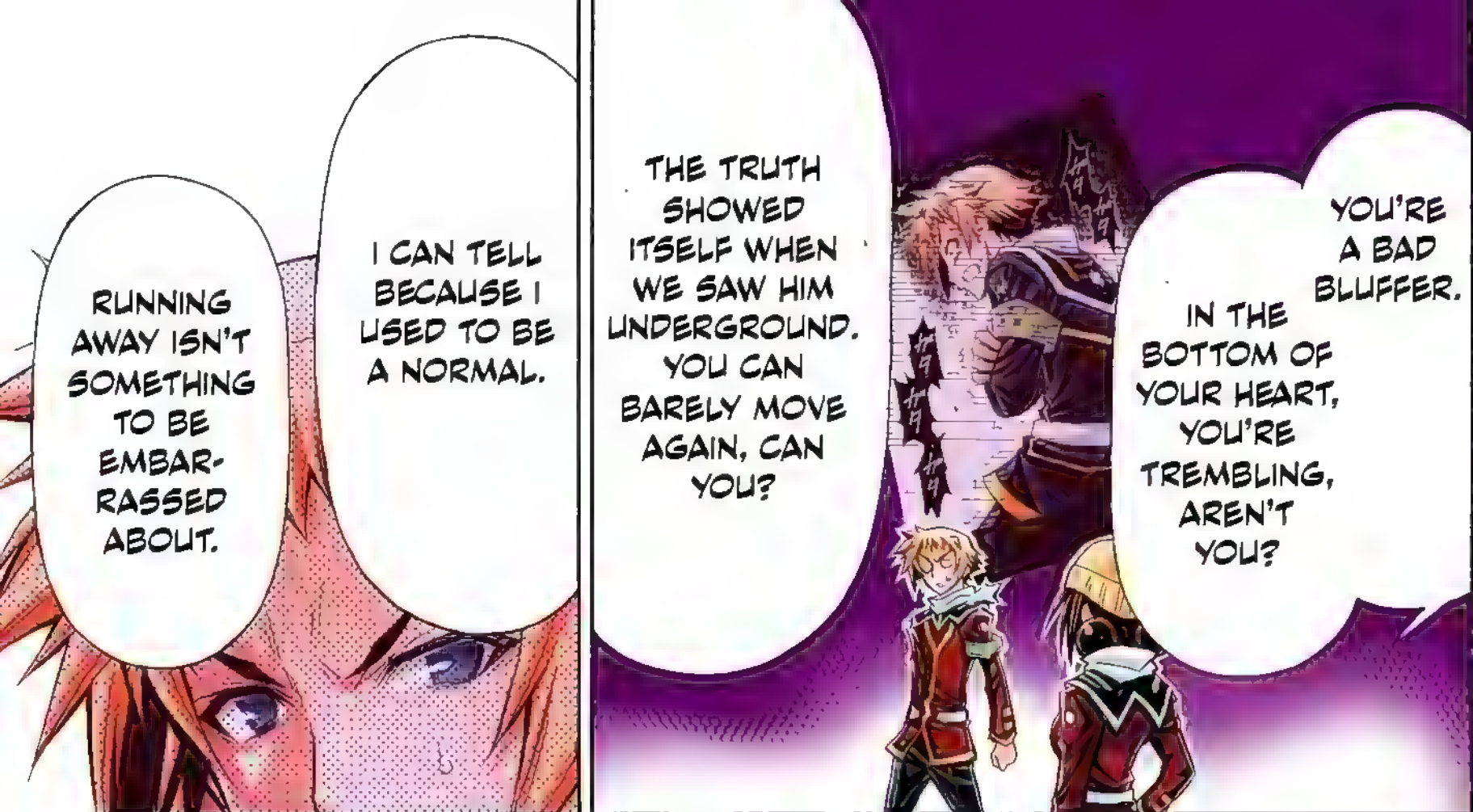
...YOU CAN
STILL BACK
OUT, RIGHT?



HITO-
YOSHI
!!

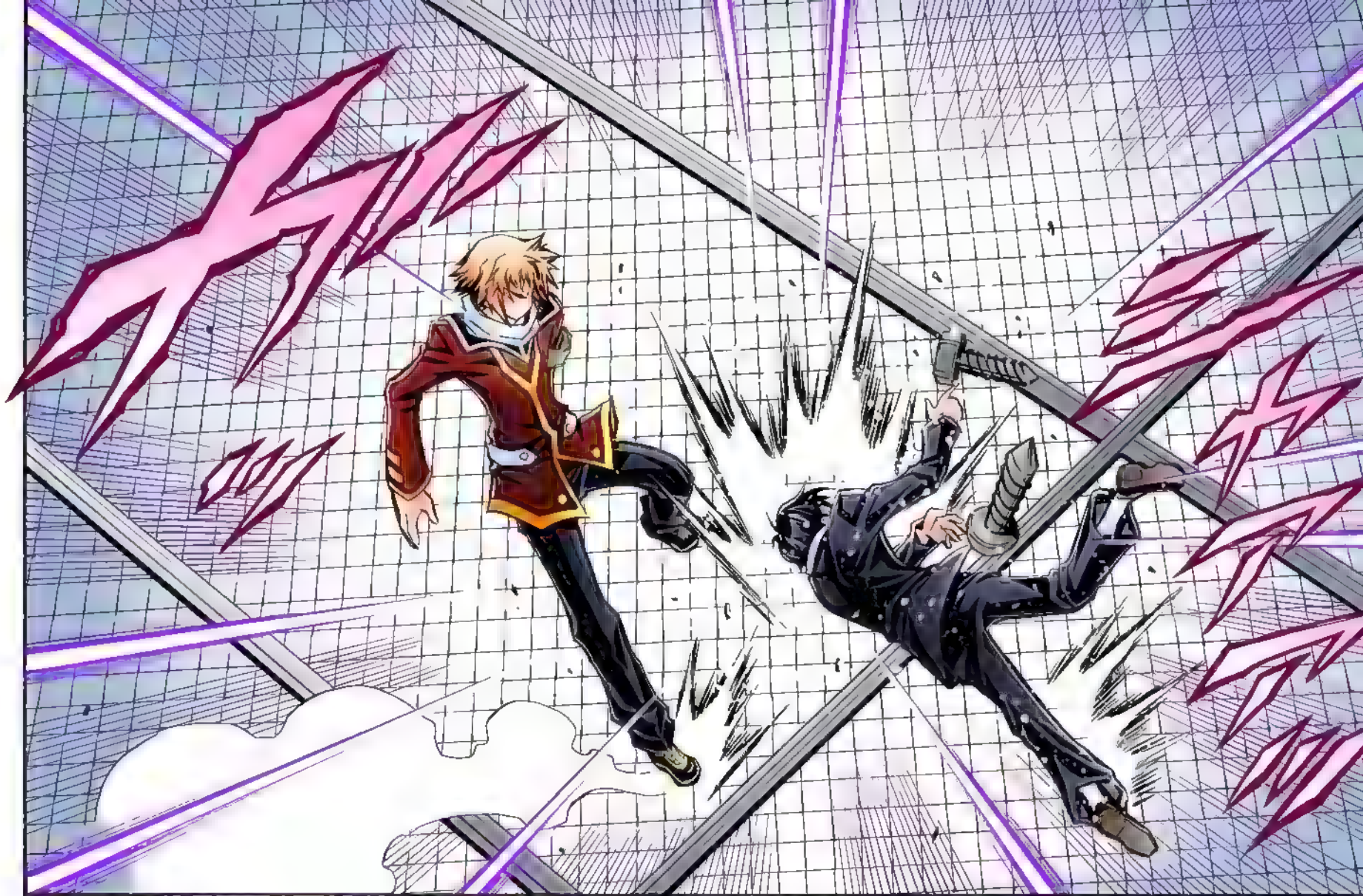
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KNOW
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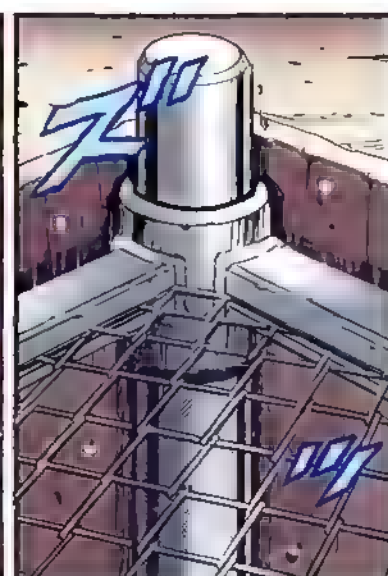
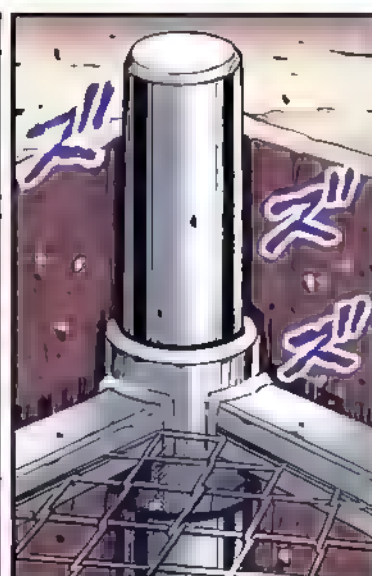






MAYBE THIS
BATTLE WILL BE
OVER MUCH
FASTER THAN
WE PREVIOUSLY
ASSUMED...

THE STAGE
JUST FELL
FIVE CENTI-
METERS
JUST NOW...



「WOAH!
MY RIGHT
ARM
ISN'T
MOVING!」

「THAT
HURT!」

「BREATH-
ING IS
KIND OF
STARTING
TO HURT,
TOO..」



YEP. I
WONDER
WHY...
I JUST
CAN'T
FIGURE
IT OUT.

HITO-
YOSHI'S
JUST
FIGHTING
NORMALLY,
ISN'T HE?

WHAT
THE...?

WHAT
THE
HELL
HAPP-
ENED
TO
HITO-
YOSHI?

?

MY HEART
COULD
BREAK
RIGHT NOW
JUST BY
WATCHING
THIS!

URGH...
DISGUSTING
MOVEMENTS,
AS USUAL...



「THESE
SERIOUS
INJURIES
COULD AFFECT
ME FOR THE
REST OF MY
LIFE, YOU
KNOW!」

「I WONDER IF
MY COLLAR-
BONE IS
BROKEN...
OR IF I
PUNCTURED
A LUNG!」



「MAYBE
IT'S
HEAL-
ING...」

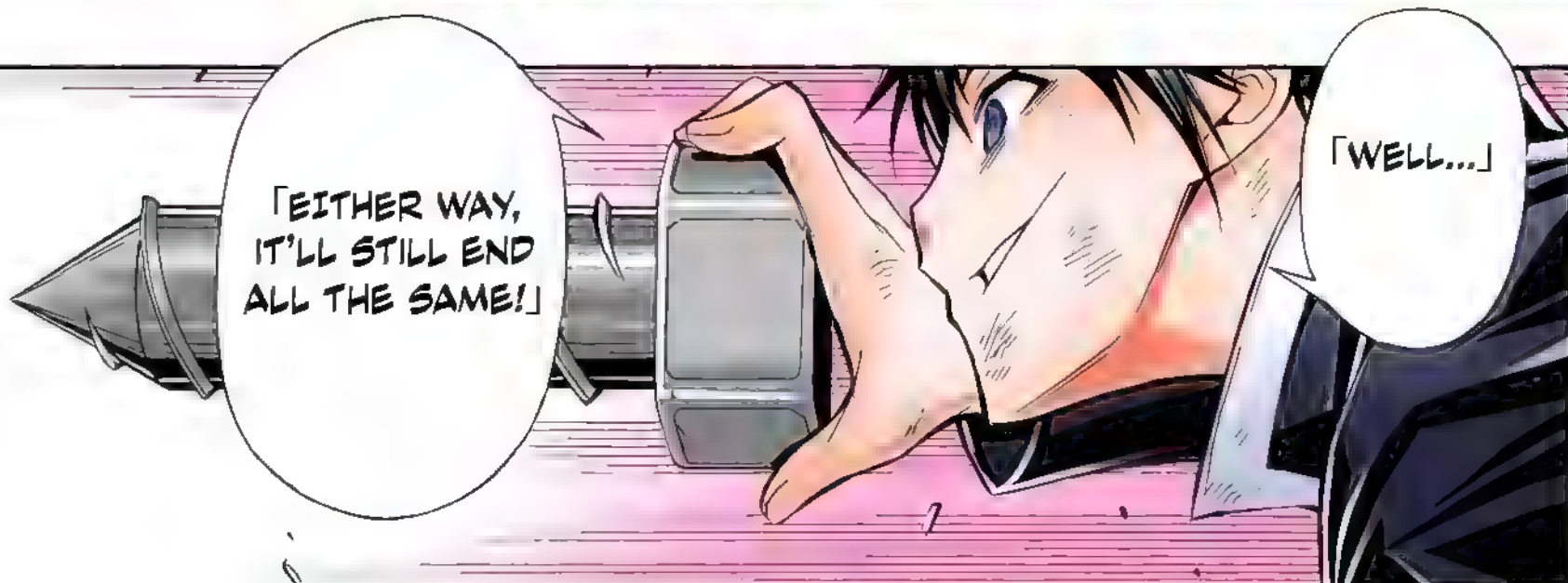
「OH? IT
DOESN'T
HURT
ANY-
MORE?」

「...OR
MAYBE IT'S
DYING...」



「EITHER WAY,
IT'LL STILL END
ALL THE SAME!」

「WELL...」





ANOTHER
FIVE
CENTI-
METERS
...



LET'S
PAY OUR
RESPECTS
TO THAT
PERSON BY
CALLING
HER "THE
DEMON
QUEEN"
FROM NOW
ON!

THE PERSON
WHO TRAINED
HITOYOSHI THIS
PAST WEEK HAS
TO BE A GENIUS
WHO'S EVEN
GREATER THAN
ANIKI!

THAT HITOYOSHI!
IT'S NOT LIKE HIS
HEART IS BREAKING...
BUT MORE LIKE IT'S
RESTARTING! HIS
TRAUMA REVOLVING
AROUND KUMAGAWA
IS GONE, ISN'T IT?

EVEN
ANIKI THE
MAGICIAN
COULDN'T
DO SOME-
THING LIKE
THAT!

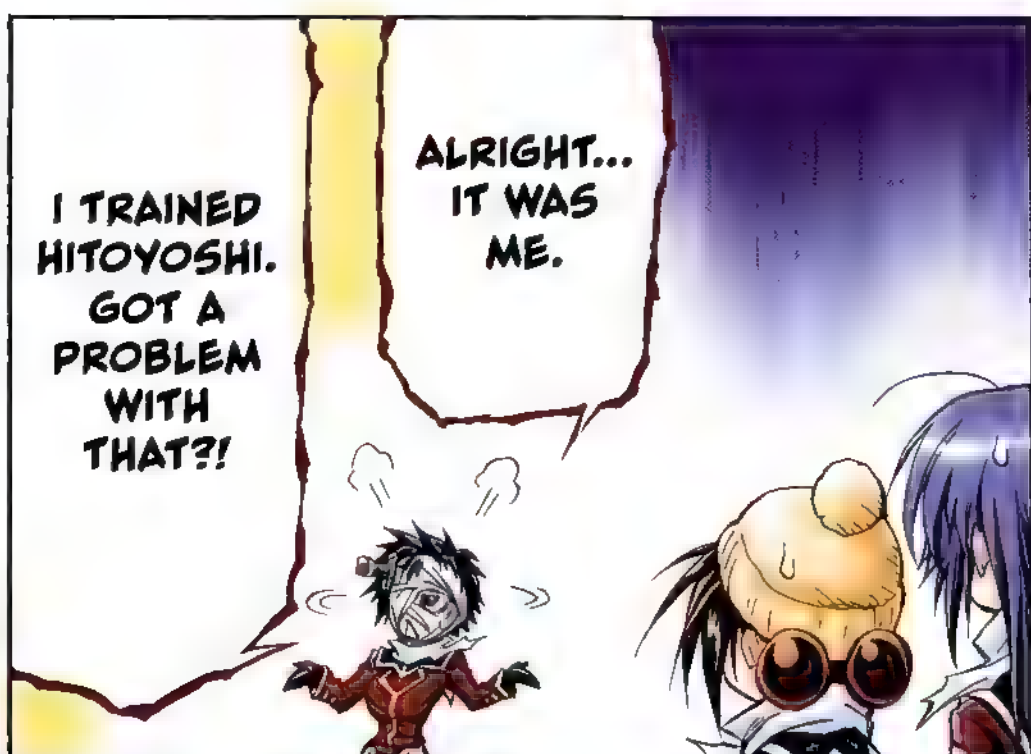
M-MAR-
VELOUS!
HE
KICKED
HIM
RIGHT IN
THE
FACE!





CAN YOU ELABORATE?

WHAT DID YOU DO, NAZE-SAN...?



I TRAINED HITOYOSHI. GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?!

ALRIGHT... IT WAS ME.



I QUIT BECAUSE I THINK THAT MAGUIRO-SAN AND HINOKAGE-SENPAI'S ATTENTION IS BETTER SPENT ON TRAINING THE OTHERS...

NOTHING, REALLY... I DON'T HAVE A PLAN.

...SO I'LL JUST STICK TO MY REGULAR DAILY TRAINING.



IF YOU AREN'T ATTENDING ANIKI'S EVILIZE TRAINING CAMP...

HEY, HITOYOSHI!

HE WAS ON HIS HANDS AND KNEES, BEGGING AND CRYING, TRYING TO GET ME TO HELP HIM. I HAD NO CHOICE...

WHAT?! IT WAS NOTHING!

...THEN HOW ARE YOU GONNA PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK'S BATTLE?



N-NO,
I DON'T
THINK
SO.

EH?

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**DON'T
CHA?**

**BY
THE
WAY ...**
YOU'VE
GOT
SOME-
THING
TO BEG
ME
FOR...



EH?

**EEEEEE
HHHH-
HHHH-
HHHH?!**

EHH?

ME, WHO NOBODY CAN
SURPASS IN THE FIELDS
OF HUMAN
REMODELLING AND
STENGTHENING! ARE
YOU SURE YOU DON'T
HAVE ANYTHING
TO ASK ME?!

TAKACHIHO
-SENPAI!
MUNAKATA
-SENPAI!
KOGA-CHAN!
ME, WHO TRAINED
THE ENTIRE 13
PARTY AND
SINGLEHANDIDLY
MANAGED THE
FLASK PLAN!

NAH...
THERE'S GOTTA
BE SOME-
THING. THINK
ABOUT IT
AGAIN...



LOOKS
LIKE YOU
WERE
HANGING
OUT WITH
HITO-
YOSHI
INSTEAD!

I WAS
WONDERING
WHY I
COULDN'T
HANG OUT
WITH YOU
LATELY!

OH, I
SEE!

I CAN TELL
THAT HER
HEART IS IN
THE RIGHT
PLACE...
BUT HER
APPROACH
NEEDS SOME
WORK!!

I TRAINED
HITOYOSHI
FOR A
WHOLE
WEEK!

...
SOMETHING
ALONG
THOSE
LINES. I
TRAINED
HIM TO
KILL
SOME
TIME!



I WAS A
FOOL TO
GIVE
HITOYOSHI
THAT
WARNING,
WASN'T I?

I WAS A
JUST AN
"EXPERI-
MENT"
TOO,
RIGHT?

IT'S FINE,
IT'S FINE!
REALLY,
IT'S FINE!

LISTEN
TO ME!
IT WAS
JUST AN
EXPERI-
MENT!

N-NO! IT'S
NOT LIKE
THAT,
KOGA-
CHAN!

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IT'S A SHAME
BUT, JUST
LIKE THE
EVILIZE
TRAINING, IT
WOULDN'T
HAVE STUCK
AFTER JUST
ONE WEEK.

HEH
HEH
...
I WISH
I DID.

...DON'T
TELL ME
THAT YOU
REMODELED
HIM OR
DOPED HIM
UP...

...
BUT
...

...I AP-
PRECIATE
THAT YOU
TRAINED
ZENKI-
CHI...

I NEVER
ONCE SAID
THAT HE
OVERCAME
IT.

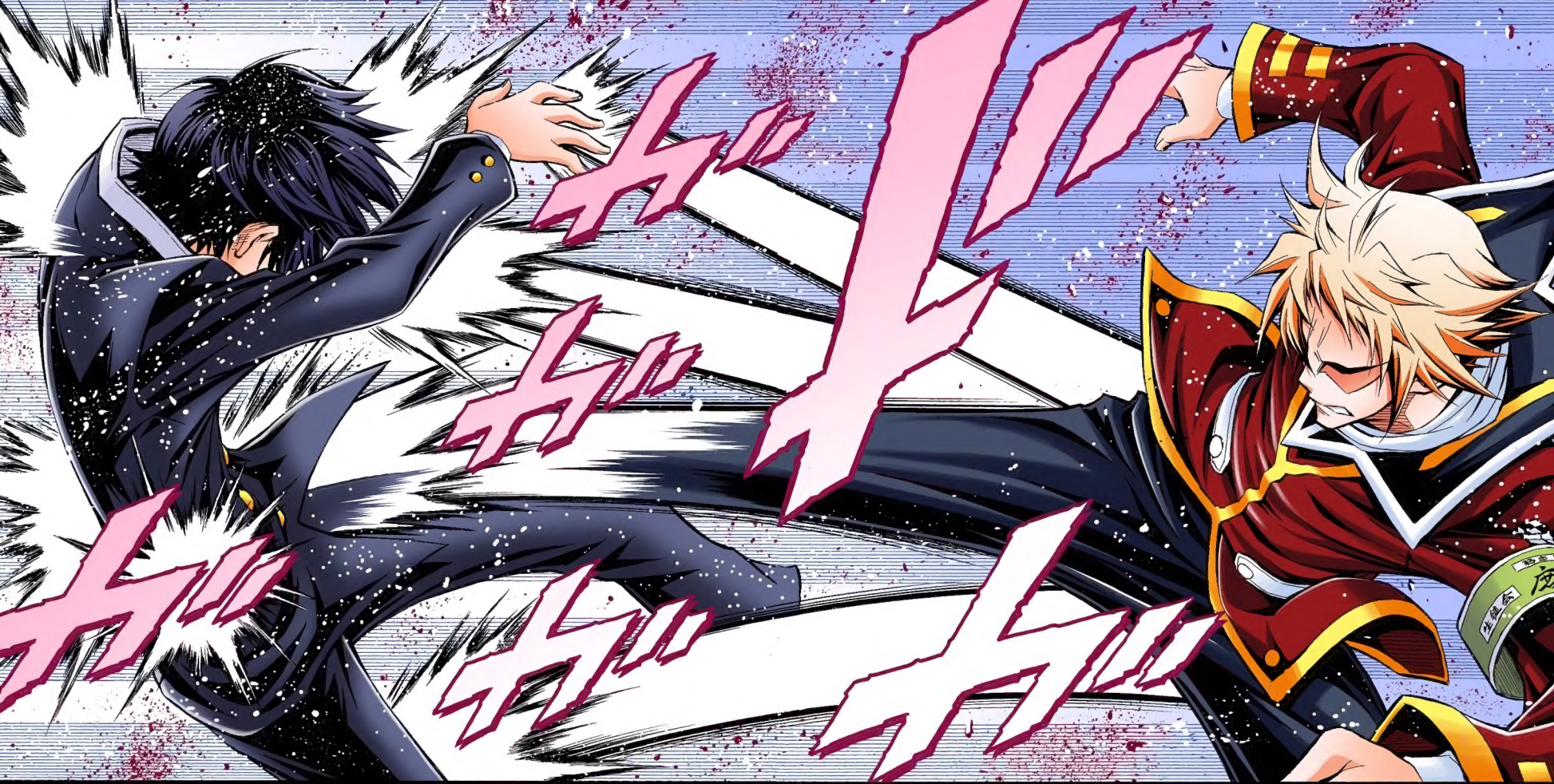
I ONLY
"RE-
START-
ED"
HIS
TRAUMA.

YOU
DIDN'T
HEAR
ME,
MEDAKA-
CHAN.

HOW DID YOU
GET HIM TO
OVERCOME
HIS TRAUMA
AND FEAR
OF THE
MINUSES?

WHAT
DID
YOU DO
TO
ZENKI-
CHI?
WELL
THEN...

WHAT?

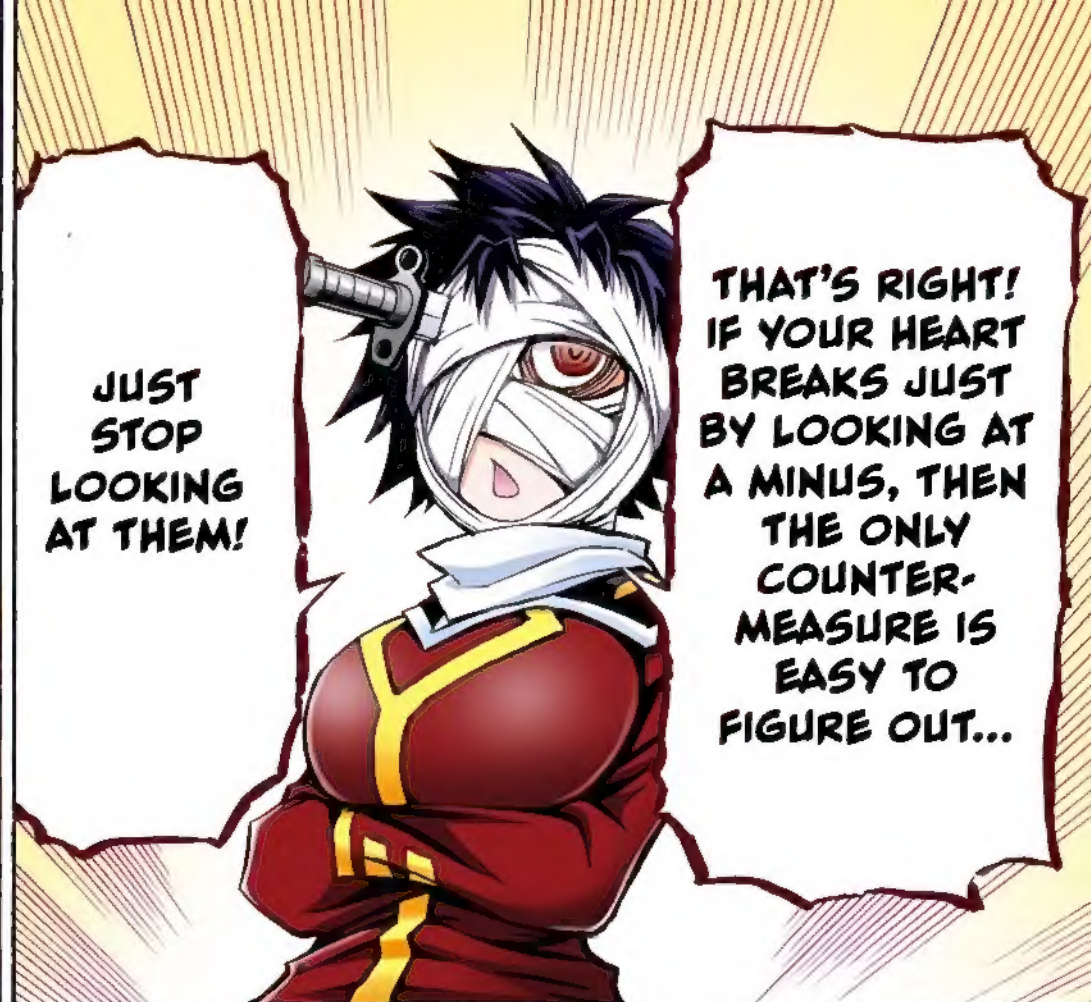




ISN'T THAT A BIT TOO SCARY ?!

MORE-OVER, USING YOUR LEGS WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED...

ARE YOU SURE IT'S THAT SIMPLE ...?



JUST STOP LOOKING AT THEM!

THAT'S RIGHT! IF YOUR HEART BREAKS JUST BY LOOKING AT A MINUS, THEN THE ONLY COUNTER-MEASURE IS EASY TO FIGURE OUT...



...AND ENDING WITH TAKING ON THE ENTIRE BOXING TEAM WHILE BLINDFOLDED.

STARTING WITH DEALING WITH ANIMALS...

THAT'S WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRAINING FOR THIS PAST WEEK.

HE'S BEEN LIVING LIFE WITH A BLINDFOLD ON AT ALL TIMES. WHETHER IT WAS TRAINING, EATING, OR EVEN SLEEPING...

NOW HE CAN EVEN WALK AROUND CAMPUS WITHOUT EVER HAVING TO SEE IT.



THAT'S HOW "NAZE YOUKA'S TACTICS" WORK!!

...BUT AT LEAST WE'VE EVENED OUT THE CHANCES OF WINNING AND LOSING!



HE STILL COULD LOSE BIG TIME BECAUSE OF THE RULES...

OF COURSE, THIS WAS AN EMERGENCY SITUATION, AFTER ALL...

「IF THIS WERE WEEKLY SHONEN JUMP, THIS SCENE WOULD'VE BEEN PRETTY DIFFERENT!」

「...MY MY. HOW CRUEL OF YOU TO IGNORE ME EVEN THOUGH I'M RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU.」

...BE-
CAUSE
RIGHT
FROM
THE
START,
YOU
WEREN'T
EVEN IN
MY
SIGHTS!!

IT'S NOT
ABOUT
ACCEPT-
ING OR
NOT...

DO YOU
GET IT
NOW,
KUMA-
GAWA?

DEMON
QUEEN
NAZE-
CHAN'S
MINUS
NULLIFI-
CATION
SYSTEM!!

AFTER
THIS
COM-
MERCIAL
BREAK...

THAT'S NOT
THE ONLY
THING I
TAUGHT
HITO-
YOSHI,
EITHER!

THE
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TION
MANAGE-
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COMMIT-
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PERSON-
ALLY
WENT TO
OKINAWA.



OBVI-
OUSLY,
TO PRO-
CURE
THE
SNAKES
...